

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 17, ~~delete~~ "or the polynucleotide of claim 1".

Please add the following claim:

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-- 24. A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polynucleotide of claim 1. --

REMARKS

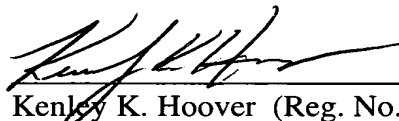
ADD B17
The specification has been amended to add priority information. The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicants regard as the invention. Support for new claim 24 can be found throughout the application as filed.

No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for this submission. However, should a fee be due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-3425

Respectfully submitted

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